



**Health Services**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

October 16, 2015

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**TO:** Mayor Michael D. Antonovich  
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**FROM:** Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES' USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
AMEND AGREEMENTS**

This is to advise the Board that the Department of Health Services (DHS) has exercised its delegated authority, approved on June 24, 2014 (attached), which allows the Director of Health Services, or his authorized designee, to:

- 1) execute amendments to extend the term of the Specialty Medical Services (SMS) and Physician Registry Services (PRS) Agreements for two optional one-year extension periods, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and
- 2) execute standard form SMS and PRS Agreements, effective on execution through June 30, 2015 and during the additional two one-year extension periods with additional qualified physicians.

Attached is a list of all SMS Agreements extended for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (Attachment A) and all new standard form SMS Agreements executed during the period June 24, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (Attachment B). No additional PRS Agreements were executed during this period.

County Counsel reviewed and approved these Amendments as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachments

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health care to Los Angeles  
County residents through direct  
services at DHS facilities and  
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**Specialty Medical Services Agreements Extended for Period**  
**July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

**Ambulatory Care Network (ACN)**

Contractor Name	Contract Number
A.A. Med Corp.	H-704955
Aaron Miller, M.D.	H-706300
Alexander W. Sinavsky, M.D.	H-704990
Allan S. Lew, M.D.	H-705365
Alphonso O. Swaby, D.O.	H-705131
Andrew Katz, D.P.M.	H-704961
Anna Law, M.D.	H-704948
Antelope Valley Lung Institute	H-704956
Antony C. Ernest, M.D.	H-704998
Bradley Walker, M.D.	H-704997
Bruce Lohman, M.D.	H-704951
Charles Law, M.D.	H-704950
Chengcong Wu, M.D.	H-704991
Deborah A. Rice, F.N.P.	H-704962
Dianne L. DeFreece, Psy.D.	H-705000
Doron D. Kahana, M.D.	H-705786
Elizabeth Lask, N.P.	H-704968
Esperanza C. Gajo, M.D.	H-704994
Farida Yoosefian, M.D.	H-704981
Francine Vogler, M.D.	H-706135
Ghaly Medical Group, Inc. (Sabry Ghaly)	H-706121
Ghol Ha'eri, M.D.	H-704996
Glen H. Arnold, PhD	H-704970
Gupta Radiology, Inc.	H-706120
Hans J. Fischer, M.D.	H-705047
Harry H. Nickle, M.D.	H-704982
Helsa Guthrie-Boyle, O.T.	H-704954
Henny Nguyen, D.P.M.	H-705044
Ifeoma Ezeani, O.D.	H-704922
Jon W. Fong, D.O.	H-704980
Jonathan Kelley, M.D.	H-705527
Jonathan M. Bedri, M.D.	H-705918
Junaid Fitter, M.D.	H-704946
Kanagal L. Satyanarayana, M.D.	H-704906
L.A. Digestive Health and Wellness, Inc.	H-705901
Lucrecia Escobar, O.D.	H-705035

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Contractor Name	Contract Number
Marla G. Giem, M.D.	H-705534
Matthew Wang, O.D., Inc.	H-705049
Meiling L. Yuen, M.D.	H-705048
Minesh Patel, M.D.	H-704907
Mohamed Z. Lameer, M.D.	H-706307
Mohan N. Lakhani, M.D., APC	H-705529
Muhammad Farooq, M.D., Inc.	H-706083
Naveed Riaz, M.D., Inc.	H-706076
Paul Fortaleza, D.O.	H-704993
Paul Giem, M.D.	H-705958
Paul Konikoff, M.D., Inc.	H-704993
Phillip Whong, M.D.	H-704958
Rana T. Entabi, R.Ph.	H-705202
Richard C. Elton, M.D.	H-704952
Richard Jacobson, M.D.	H-704965
Robert J. Hackworth, M.D.	H-706389
Robinson Castillo, D.P.M.	H-705036
Salvador A. Arella, M.D.	H-704964
San San Wai, M.D.	H-704928
Sandra McMullen, N.P.	H-704963
Scott C. Wallace, M.D.	H-706082
SDGP Global, Inc.	H-706385
Sean D. Birmingham, M.D.	H-706112
Shamsundar Ramrattan, D.O.	H-704977
Sheila Wright-Scott, M.D.	H-704999
Sierra Gastroenterology	H-704971
South Bay Eye Care Optometry, Inc.	H-705045
Steven L. Scott, PA-C	H-706292
Tin Y. Yung, M.D., Inc.	H-706109
Tom Mahendra, M.D.	H-705972
Trent Erney Med Group	H-704949
Valley Tumor Medical Group, Inc.	H-704960
Violeta Villejo-Sinavsky, M.D.	H-704979
Vision Designs Optometric Center, Inc.	H-705046
Vitality Wellness, Inc.	H-705135

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Harbor - UCLA Medical Center

Contractor Name	Contract Number
Andrew A. Zadeh, M.D.	H-705822
Annie C. Hu-Duval, O.D.	H-704944
Arthur P. Richardson, M.D.	H-704779
Bahram Kahzai, M.D.	H-705201
Benedict T. Chou, M.D.	H-706138
Chai-Yung Johnny Tsai, M.D.	H-704752
Christina Economides, M.D.	H-704747
Freddy Aw, M.D.	H-704746
Georgia A. Goldfarb, M.D.	H-705199
Georgia A. Goldfarb, M.D.	H-705200
Hedieh Badkoobehi, M.D.	H-704745
Ivan Chun Kit Ho, M.D.	H-704782
John M. Criley, M.D.	H-704785
Joseph S. Tan, M.D.	H-704729
Julie K. Sugino, M.D.	H-704749
Lengting, LLC	H-70578
Les K. Huey, O.D.	H-704943
Lester K. Lew, O.D., APC	H-704940
Mahdi Yazdany, M.D.	H-706115
Marc J. Girskey, M.D.	H-704783
Maria C. Sipowicz, M.D.	H-704750
Matthew Wang, O.D.	H-705080
Michael Yu, M.D.	H-704751
Minh T. Huynh, M.D.	H-706388
Patrick Choi, M.D., Inc.	H-706102
Patty Pinanong, M.D.	H-704777
Paul P. Lee, M.D.	H-704731
The Regents of the UC (Debra McCurdy, M.D.)	H-704766
Robert Kraus, M.D.	H-705132
Robert Webman, M.D.	H-704615
Ronald J. Oudiz, M.D.	H-704781
Ronald L. Becker, M.D.	H-704730
Russell Hosaka, O.D., Inc., APC	H-704939
Sarah Lee Kim, M.D.	H-704784
Shabana Khan Shah, M.D.	H-704776
Susan Partovi, M.D.	H-705964
Timothy S. Kristedja	H-705919

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**LAC+USC Healthcare Network**

Contractor Name	Contract Number
Albert J. Kim, D.P.M.	H-705369
Alice Pang, OD	H-705368
Denise Soto, D.O.	H-705039
Hooman Keano Karimi, D.P.M.	H-705033
John Shan, O.D.	H-705125
Kate Kaufman, M.D.	H-705118
Michael C. Choi, M.D., AMC	H-705372
Mizuho M. Spangler, D.O.	H-705119
Nuzhat Waheed, D.P.M.	H-705057
Patrick Pompl, M.D.	H-705095
Sarine Nazarians, O.D.	H-705823
Sharon Whang, D.P.M.	H-705055
Stephan T. Honda, M.D.	H-704931
Zenon Zuk, M.D.	H-705023

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Outpatient Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number
A.M. Nisar Syed M.D./Khatija Syed, M.D.	H-704819
Aaron J. Miller, M.D., MPA	H-705914
Ahmad Khalifa, M.D., APC	H-704802
Andy Hong, M.D., Inc.	H-704813
Antoine Roberts, M.D.	H-704800
Barbara Yates, M.D.	H-706400
Barbara Yates, M.D.	H-706401
Brian Lee, M.D., Inc.	H-704788
Carla E. Herriford, M.D.	H-704797
Carleton Allen, M.D., A Professional Medical Corporation	H-704817
Celina Nadelman, M.D., A Medical Corporation	H-705913
Charles E. Fisher, M.D.	H-704794
Charles L. Herring, M.D.P.C.	H-705973
Darryl A. Willoughby, M.D.	H-704820
David Bell, M.D.	H-705204
Dermatologic Laser Institute	H-705909
Eleby Washington, M.D., P.C.	H-704818
Global Group Diversified Enterprises, Inc.	H-704799

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Contractor Name	Contract Number
Gold Standard Urology (Dana Scott)	H-705515
Golden Ear Medical Group, Inc.	H-704793
H. James Kojian, II, M.D., Inc.	H-706402
Harriette E. Lewis, M.D., Inc.	H-705976
Hayward L. Eubanks, M.D., Inc.	H-704791
Jacqueline Lezine-Hanna, M.D.	H-705078
James V. Pagano, M.D., APC	H-705977
Jane McGarvey, M.D., Inc.	H-706079
Janice C. Ancheta, M.D.	H-704815
Joan Orlando, M.D.	H-704805
Kanagal L. Satyanarayana, M.D.	H-704801
Kerry C. Cox, M.D.	H-706391
Kim Fouche, M.D., Inc.	H-706081
L.A. Digestive Health and Wellness, Inc.	H-705817
Lorenzo Brown, M.D., Inc.	H-704796
Lydia Oftadeh, M.D.	H-704816
Marcia J. Glenn, M.D.	H-704806
Mayer Davidson, M.D.	H-704795
Melvin L. Jackson, M.D., Inc.	H-706298
Micah Berry, M.D., APC	H-706386
Micah Berry, M.D., APC	H-706387
Michael Javaheri, MD, Inc.	H-706411
Michael Javaheri, MD, Inc.	H-706412
Motamedi-Modarresi, A Professional Corporation	H-704795
Muhammad Farooq, M.D., Inc.	H-706070
Naveed Riaz, M.D., Inc.	H-706072
Nicole K. Williams, M.D., Inc.	H-706073
Pareed Mohammed, M.D., Inc.	H-704790
Peyton Berookim, M.D., Inc.	H-704809
Rajinder Sekhon, M.D., Inc.	H-706130
Ramon Guadiz, M.D.	H-704810
Ronald E. Jefferson, M.D.	H-704803
Satya Narayan Vashishtha, M.D.	H-705904
Satya Narayan Vashishtha, M.D.	H-705903
Shalu Gupta, M.D.	H-706395
Shalu Gupta, M.D.	H-706396
Shashank Medical Corporation	H-706074
Southern California Podiatry Institute	H-705965
Stanley Hsia, M.D.	H-704792

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Contractor Name	Contract Number
Stephen Lui, M.D., Inc.	H-704808
The Regents of the UC (Allan J. Pantuck, M.D.)	H-705975
The Regents of the UC (Stanley K. Frencher, Jr, M.D., MPH)	H-705975

**Olive View - UCLA Medical Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number
Imagine Medicine (Raffi Salibian, M.D.)	H-705535
The Regents of the UC (Moirra A. Szilagyi, M.D.)	H-706404
Ameer Moussa, M.D.	H-706291
Bob Armin, M.D., Inc.	H-705124
Cande L. Sridhar, M.D.	H-704901
Carlen E. Kim, AuD	H-705920
Christine Bishop, MD	H-705409
Coastal Imaging, Inc.	H-705356
David S. Khandabi, M.D.	H-705114
David S. Rosenberg, M.D.	H-705106
Gasser Hathout, M.D.	H-704827
Hung-Hei Yung, M.D.	H-704824
Janeen Gaul, N.N.P.	H-705089
Jeannie Woo, M.D.	H-704887
Jimmy C. Huang, M.D.	H-705101
Julea Leshar McGhee, M.D.	H-706122
Kalpa Kay Durairaj, M.D., Inc.	H-705122
Kayur Shah, M.D.	H-704898
Linda Tseng-Ong, M.D.	H-706132
Ling T. Yen, O.D.	H-704926
Lora D. Johnstone, N.N.P.	H-705091
Lucinda B. Leung, M.D.	H-706289
Marianne Haines, N.N.P.	H-705910
Michael Aaron Lalezarian, M.D., Corp.	H-706075
Michael J. Nguyen, M.D., Inc.	H-705357
Monica Deshmukh, M.D., Inc.	H-705083
Richard Moore Witten, M.D.	H-704899
Saba Gaffar, M.D.	H-706104
Sandra Espinosa, N.N.P.	H-705090
Shaden Mohammad, M.D., Inc.	H-705215
Sheryl L. North, M.D., Inc.	H-704825
The Regents of the UC (Ali M. Cheaito, M.D.)	H-705358

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Contractor Name	Contract Number
The Regents of the UC (James Dunn, M.D.)	H-704763
The Regents of the UC (Nelson F. Soohoo, M.D.)	H-704757
The Regents of the UC (Shant Shekherdimian, M.D.)	H-706117
The Regents of the UC (Stephen B. Shew, M.D.)	H-704767
The Regents of the UC (Victor Xia, M.D.)	H-704765
The Regents of the UC (Deborah McCurdy, M.D.)	H-704766
The Regents of the UC (Jane Yanagawa, M.D.)	H-705961
The Regents of the UC (Jason Bradfield, M.D.)	H-704764
The Regents of the UC (Jay M. Lee, M.D.)	H-705962
Thomas Zung, M.D.	H-704888
Usha Kiran Chaudhary, M.D.	H-705367
Veling Tsai, M.D., Inc.	H-705130
Yale Doberne, M.D.	H-704883

**Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number
Abigail Grabow, OTR/L	H-706308
Advanced Imaging Consultants, Inc.	H-706297
Alvin Shon, MD, Inc.	H-704738
Amy Nguyen, DDS	H-705010
Brigitte Prinzivalli-Rolfe, MD	H-704912
Changgao Yang, MD	H-704734
Clarissa Tu, OTR/L	H-706306
Colette Krilanovich, MA, OTR/L	H-706384
Danielle Fenning Boufadel, DPT	H-706128
Darlene Ardavany, DPT	H-706119
David Ginsberg, MD	H-704909
Eli Bendavid, M.D.	H-706297
Eric Ikeda, OD	H-705013
Esther Chen, OTR/L	H-706305
Geoffrey M. Miller, M.D.	H-706410
Gilbert Gelfand, M.D.	H-704736
Jaclyn Spirtos, PT, DPT	H-706129
Janice Park-Kim, DDS	H-705019
Jason R. Cozby, PT	H-705002
Jeffrey Pucher, DDS	H-705005
John Hsu, MD	H-704735
Jose Pantoja, M.D.	H-704913



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Contractor Name	Contract Number
Julia Ledesma, PT, DPT	H-705912
Kimberly Hasday, OTR/L	H-706134
Lillie Hudson, PA	H-705967
Lori K. Malinbaum, DDS	H-705017
Margaret Burnett, MD	H-704908
Mark S. Linam, DPM	H-705016
Mary Murakawa, DDS	H-705018
Matthew Sofer, MD	H-705963
Mazdisnian, MD, Inc.	H-704914
Michael Macalalad, DDS	H-705009
Mohsin Ali, MD	H-704742
Natalie Shanfield, MA, CCC-SLP	H-706118
Nina Patel, MD	H-704907
Pouya Lavian, MD	H-704908
Ramona Mehrinfar-Zadeh, MD	H-706302
Richard Effros, MD	H-704910
Robert Zeit, M.D.	H-704733
Sabrina Barbosa, PT	H-705820
Samuel Rosenfeld, MD	H-704917
Sarah Wolff, OD	H-705003
Sophia Chun, MD	H-704920
Stephanie Chen, MD	H-705905
Thanh Tam Ton, DDS	H-705004
The Regents of the UC (Keyianoosh Zad Paydar, MD)	H-705072
Theresa Sivers-Teixeira, PA	H-705966
Valerie Hernandez, PA	H-705531
Vance Eberly, MD	H-704911
Vincent Tso, DDS	H-705020
Win Win Hlaing, MD	H-705003

Standard Form Specialty Medical Service Agreements Executed betweenJune 24, 2014 and June 30, 2015Ambulatory Care Network (ACN)

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Muhammad Arshad Farooq, M.D., Inc.	H-706083	7/1/2014
Naveed Riaz, M.D., Inc.	H-706076	7/1/2014
Peter Samaan, M.D.	H-706101	7/1/2014
Scott C. Wallace, M.D.	H-706082	7/1/2014
Patricia Pegram, M.D.	H-706108	8/4/2014
Tin Y. Yung, M.D.	H-706109	8/6/2014
Sean D. Birmingham, M.D.	H-706112	8/15/2014
Esha Gupta, M.D.	H-706120	9/15/2014
Ghaly Medical Group, Inc. (Sabry Ghaly)	H-706121	9/18/2014
Paul Konikoff, M.D., Inc.	H-706299	1/6/2015
Mohamed Z. Lameer, M.D.	H-706307	2/27/2015
SDGP Global, Inc.	H-706385	3/23/2015
Robert J. Hackworth, M.D.	H-706389	4/6/2015

Harbor – UCLA Medical Center

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Patrick Choi, M.D., Inc.	H-706102	7/1/2014
Mahdi Yazdany, M.D.	H-706115	8/26/2014
Minh T. Huynh, M.D.	H-706388	3/31/2015

**Standard Form Specialty Medical Service Agreements Executed between****June 24, 2014 and June 30, 2015****Health Services Administration**

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Susan Partovi, M.D.	H-706100	6/25/2014

**LAC+USC Medical Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Brian Webb, M.D.	H-706113	8/20/2014
Lisa M. Guerra Vargas, M.D.	H-706111	8/22/2014
Christopher Chu, M.D.	H-705971	8/22/2014

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Outpatient Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Alan M. Heilpern, M.D., Inc., APC	H-706071	7/1/2014
Allan J. Pantuck, M.D.	H-705975	7/1/2014
Harriette E. Lewis, M.D., Inc.	H-705976	7/1/2014
James V. Pagano, M.D., APC	H-705977	7/1/2014
Jane McGarvey, M.D., Inc.	H-706079	7/1/2014
Kim Fouche, M.D., Inc.	H-706081	7/1/2014
Muhammad Arshad Farooq, M.D., Inc.	H-706070	7/1/2014
Naveed Riaz, M.D., Inc.	H-706072	7/1/2014
Nicole K. Williams, M.D., Inc.	H-706073	7/1/2014
Shashank Medical Corporation	H-706074	7/1/2014
Redwood Emergency (Morris Pataky, M.D.)	H-706105	7/24/2014

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Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Redwood Emergency (Ray Zhao, M.D.)	H-706106	7/28/2014
Clemens S. Hong, M.D.	H-706110	8/11/2014
Rajinder Sekhon, M.D., Inc.	H-706130	10/9/2014
Shauntelle Bonman, D.O.	H-706290	12/3/2014
Melvin L. Jackson, M.D., Inc.	H-706298	1/1/2015
Micah Berry, M.D., Inc., APC	H-706386	4/1/2015
Micah Berry, M.D., Inc., APC	H-706387	4/1/2015
H. James Kojian, II, M.D., Inc.	H-706402	4/22/2015
Barbara Yates, M.D.	H-706400	5/1/2015
Barbara Yates, M.D.	H-706401	5/1/2015
Esther K. Chung, O.D.	H-706399	5/1/2015
Kerry C. Cox, M.D.	H-706391	5/1/2015
Leroy W. Vaughn, M.D.	H-706392	5/1/2015
Lori D. Moore, M.D.	H-706397	5/1/2015
Lori D. Moore, M.D.	H-706398	5/1/2015
Michelle C. Banks, M.D.	H-706393	5/1/2015
Michelle C. Banks, M.D.	H-706394	5/1/2015
Shalu Gupta, M.D.	H-706395	5/1/2015
Shalu Gupta, M.D.	H-706396	5/1/2015
Michael Javaheri, MD, Inc.	H-706411	6/18/2015
Michael Javaheri, MD, Inc.	H-706412	6/18/2015

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Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Antonio Bonet, M.D.	H-706077	7/1/2014
George Huddleston, M.D.	H-706080	7/1/2014
Victoria Niklas, M.D. (Coedmore, Inc.)	H-706084	7/1/2014
Medardo C. Supnet, M.D.	H-706103	7/16/2014
Michael Aaron Lalezarian, M.D., Corp	H-706075	8/1/2014
Saba Gaffar, M.D.	H-706104	8/1/2014
Julia Leshar McGhee, M.D.	H-706122	9/24/2014
The Regents of the UC (Shant Shekherdian, M.D.)	H-706117	9/30/2014
Linda Tseng-Ong, M.D.	H-706132	10/15/2014
Francine Vogler, M.D.	H-706135	10/17/2014
Chiayi Ni, M.D.	H-706137	10/22/2014
Lucinda B. Leung, M.D.	H-706289	11/12/2014
The Regents of the UC (Aisling Murphy, M.D.)	H-706136	12/1/2014
The Regents of the UC (Carla Janzen, M.D., PhD)	H-705974	12/1/2014
The Regents of the UC (Daniel A. Kahn, M.D.)	H-706123	12/1/2014
The Regents of the UC (Tina Anh Thu Thi Nguyen, M.D.)	H-706114	12/1/2014
Ameer F. Moussa, M.D.	H-706291	12/31/2014
The Regents of the UC (Rachel Gutkin, M.D., MPH)	H-706294	1/1/2015
Arineh Khachatoorians, AuD	H-706303	2/9/2015
Richard S. Jacobson, MD	H-706403	5/1/2015
Waleed Doany, M.D.	H-706405	5/1/2015
The Regents of the UC (Maira Szilagyi, M.D.)	H-706404	5/20/2015

**Standard Form Specialty Medical Service Agreements Executed between****June 24, 2014 and June 30, 2015****Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center**

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Execution Date
Mohamad Chymassani, M.D.	H-706099	7/1/2014
Win Win Hlaing, M.D.	H-706116	8/25/2014
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June 10, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SPECIALTY MEDICAL SERVICES AND  
PHYSICIAN REGISTRY AGREEMENTS AND NEW APPORTIONMENT  
CONSULTING MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**ADOPTED**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 June 24, 2014

*Sachia Hama*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to amend the Specialty Medical Services Agreements to add to the scope of services; allow an increase in rates for certain classifications of Physicians in the Specialty Medical Services Agreements and Physician Registry Services Agreements; extend the term of the Specialty Medical Services Agreements and Physician Registry Services Agreements; and delegate authority to execute an Apportionment Consulting Services Master Agreement with qualified consultants.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to amend the form Part-Time/Intermittent Specialty Medical Services (SMS) Agreements for the provision of specialty physician services at Department of Health Services (DHS) Medical Facilities, effective upon Board approval, to expand the current scope of work to include activities that require physician services such as: quality assurance/utilization review, eConsult, and concurrent and post service review of admission for DHS managed care patients at Out-of-Network hospitals with no change to the maximum rates approved by the Board.

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2. Authorize the Director, or his designee, to: (1) increase the maximum hourly compensation rate under the SMS Agreements and the Physician Registry Services (PRS) Agreements for Emergency Medicine (EM) physicians, from \$225 per hour to \$260 per hour, with an increase in the on-call rate from \$112.50 per hour to \$130 per hour; effective upon Board approval through the term of the Agreements.
3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to extend the SMS and PRS Agreements, for up to two additional one-year periods, through June 30, 2017 subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
4. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute standard form SMS and PRS Agreements, effective on execution through June 30, 2015 or later during the additional two one-year extension periods, if exercised, as needed with additional qualified physicians/physician registries that agree to the County's terms and conditions, and at rates of payment not to exceed those approved by the Board, subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board and the CEO.
5. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute an Apportionment Consulting Services (ACS) Master Agreement with Lawrence J. Rudd, M.D., J.D. and with new consultants as they are identified as qualified by DHS, at a maximum rate of \$450 per hour, effective on execution through June 30, 2017 subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board and the CEO.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

##### **SMA Amendment**

Approval of the first recommendation will enable DHS to amend the scope of services in the SMS Agreements in order to secure temporary/intermittent specialized physician services in areas requiring the expertise of certified physicians, such as, but not limited to: eConsult Services and quality assurance/utilization review (QA/UR) to help with the increased volume and backlogs. In addition, additional physician resources are often needed for concurrent and post service review of admission for DHS managed care patients at Out-of-Network hospitals to determine medical necessity of services provided to these patients and determine appropriateness of post discharge services for patients to maintain continuity of care until they are returned to DHS care, in addition to: peer review of Out-of-Network claims that are presented for appeals; acting as liaisons in the resolution of utilization management issues with practicing physicians; advising utilization review nurses on questions related to review guidelines and cases involving potential quality of care issues; and assisting with complex case management issues, as requested. With implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), DHS has seen an increase in these activities, although the timing and volume fluctuates. The SMS Agreements are used to augment the work of County physicians in these areas.

##### **SMA and PRS Agreements**

Approval of the second recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, to increase the maximum rate only for physicians who perform EM Services under the SMS and PRS Agreements. All other maximum rates for SMS and PRS remain the same. The current rate for EM physicians in



both Agreements was established in 2008. DHS facilities are experiencing difficulty in hiring contracted physicians who provide EM Services, especially Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC). Currently, the Emergency Medicine Department at H-UCLA MC is undergoing an expansion of its physician staff as a part of the move into a new Surgery-Emergency replacement building. One of the major expansions in staff is the addition of a fourth year to the emergency medicine residency program. The first year class will result in the anticipated increase in available staff when they reach their fourth year of training. In order to fill in the physician staffing gap until the first class reaches its fourth year, the EM Department has been given funding to obtain part-time emergency physicians to work in the Rapid Medical Exam area to provide direct patient care. The goal is to contract with a physician registry or individual physicians on a part-time intermittent basis to fill the current vacancies in order to fulfill the DHS's goal to ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered care. Unfortunately, H-UCLA MC has found that the current maximum hourly compensation rate allowable for contracted physicians and registries that provide emergency physician services is still far below the industry standard. As such, the various attempts to recruit physicians have been unsuccessful. Unless there is an increase in the maximum hourly compensation rate, H-UCLA MC will not be able to obtain enough physicians to staff the emergency department.

Approval of the third recommendation enables DHS to extend the term of the SMS and PRS Agreements through June 30, 2017. The term of the current Agreements expires June 30, 2015. Approval of the fourth recommendation will enable DHS to offer SMS and PRS Agreements to qualified physicians/physician registries during the remaining term of the Agreements and any extension periods.

#### ACS Master Agreement

Approval of the fifth recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, to execute the ACS Master Agreement with Lawrence J. Rudd, M.D., J.D. who is currently providing services through an expiring Purchase Order (PO) issued by the Internal Services Department (ISD), as well as with qualified licensed medical doctors (MD) who also have a Juris Doctor (JD) degree and substantial experience in medical malpractice litigation.

DHS is responsible for making accurate and timely reports to the California State Medical Board regarding settlements of medical malpractice litigation against the County. Apportionment determinations need to be made on an intermittent, but ongoing basis to comply with mandatory reporting requirements of California Business & Professions Code Sec. 801.01. These specialized professional services are intermittent and as needed, and highly specialized as the County's apportionment determinations carry serious consequences for reported physicians and there is a heightened risk of litigation exposure as a result of the determination. Pre-qualified M.D., J.D. consultants are necessary to ensure the County makes accurate and timely reports to the California State Medical Board regarding settlements of medical malpractice litigation against the County. DHS has delegated authority to enter into ACS Master Agreement with qualified physicians with a term ending June 30, 2014. The current Board approved rate of \$225 per hour was established in June 2009 and is too low to qualified candidates for the provision of Apportionment Consulting Services. There are currently no physicians with an ACS Master Agreement. Because the need is so great for this service, on February 27, 2014, the ISD issued a temporary sole source PO with Lawrence J. Rudd, M.D., J.D., at a rate higher than the current \$225 rate. This temporary PO is expiring, necessitating a transition to a Board approved agreement. Thus, the Board's approval of the maximum hourly rate increase will allow DHS to execute future ACS Master Agreement with highly qualified experts to ensure compliance with the State's reporting requirements for the County.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Expenditures under all of the Agreements will vary from year to year based on the needs of the department. DHS has the responsibility for ensuring it has adequate funding prior to requesting services under the Agreements.

Funding for these services and to cover the increased hourly rates is included in the DHS Fiscal Years (FYs) 2013-14 Final Budget and 2014-15 Recommended Budget and will be requested in the future fiscal years.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

For several years, the County has contracted with approved independent physicians and physician registry agencies for the provision of as-needed and part-time physician specialty medical services to address critical staffing shortages, peak workloads, unexpected emergencies, and vacation coverage at DHS facilities.

The current SMS Agreements were approved by the Board on June 14, 2011 and the PRS Agreements with various physician registries were approved on June 9, 2010. Both types of Agreements expire June 30, 2015.

The Board approved the ACS Master Agreement for qualified consultants at a rate of \$225 per hour on June 16, 2009 and the rate has remained unchanged.

All of these Agreements may be terminated when such action is deemed by the County to be in its best interest, upon advanced written notice to the Contractor, as follows: SMS Agreements and the ACS Master Agreement upon 30 days' notice; and PRS Agreements upon 10 days' notice.

Neither SMS, PRS, nor the ACS Master Agreement are Proposition A Agreements for the reason that the services are intermittent and as needed and, therefore, not subject to the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201).

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

All three of these physician services Agreement categories are as-needed and part-time intermittent and potential contractors complete a qualifications process before being offered an Agreement.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Board approval of the recommendations will ensure the expansion of needed services rendered towards patient care from qualified physicians; continued provision of: critically needed EM Services at H-UCLA MC and other County Medical Facilities; and uninterrupted SMS, PRS and ACS to the Department through June 30, 2017.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
6/10/2014  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mitchell" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Katz".

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
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Internal Services Department

ATTACHMENT A

PART-TIME/INTERMITTENT SPECIALTY MEDICAL SERVICES

PHYSICIAN SERVICES – HOURLY RATE CAP SCHEDULE

Tier 1 – Up to \$260 hourly rate (up to \$130.00 hourly on-call rate)

Emergency Medicine

Tier 2 – Up to \$225 hourly rate (up to \$112.50 hourly on-call rate)

Anesthesiology  
Cardiology  
Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Gynecologic Oncology  
Invasive Gastroenterology  
Neurological Surgery  
Ophthalmology  
Orthopedic Surgery  
Otolaryngology  
Pediatric Surgery  
Plastic Surgery  
Radiology (*diagnostic; oncology*)  
Surgery  
Urology  
Vascular Surgery

Tier 3 – Up to \$175.00 hourly rate (up to \$87.50 hourly rate)

Critical Care  
Dermatology  
Gastroenterology – Non-Invasive  
Hematology-Oncology  
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Psychiatry

ATTACHMENT A  
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**Tier 4 – Up to \$125.00 hourly rate (up to \$62.50 hourly rate)**  
(All other specialties)

Allergy and Immunology  
Family Medicine  
Internal Medicine  
    - Endocrinology  
    - Rheumatology  
Neurology  
Nuclear Medicine  
Pathology  
Pediatrics  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Preventive Medicine  
    - Occupational Health

ATTACHMENT B

PHYSICIAN REGISTRY SERVICE RATES

Tier 1 – Up to a maximum rate of \$2,080 per 8-hour shift or up to a maximum rate of \$260 per hour

Emergency Medicine

Tier 2 – Up to a maximum rate of \$1,800 per 8-hour shift or up to a maximum rate of \$225 per hour

Cardiology  
Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Gynecologic Oncology  
Neurological Surgery  
Ophthalmology  
Orthopedic Surgery  
Otolaryngology  
Pediatric Surgery  
Plastic Surgery  
Radiology  
Surgery  
Urology  
Vascular Surgery

Tier 3 – Up to a maximum rate of \$1,400 per 8-hour shift or up to a maximum rate of \$175 per hour

Critical Care (Internal Medicine)  
Dermatology  
Gastroenterology  
Hematology-Oncology  
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Psychiatry

ATTACHMENT B  
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Tier 4 – Up to a maximum rate of \$1,000 per 8-hour shift or up to a maximum rate of \$125 per hour

Allergy and Immunology  
Family Medicine  
Internal Medicine (e.g., Endocrinology, Rheumatology)  
Neurology  
Nuclear Medicine  
Occupational Medicine  
Pathology  
Pediatrics  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

**Physician Registry – Anesthesiology Services**

**Scheduled General Anesthesia Services:**

- Up to a maximum rate of **\$1,800** per 8-hour shift, or
- Up to a maximum rate of **\$225** per hour
- "Hourly On-Call": up to the maximum rate of **\$112.50** per hour

**Supervision of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Services:**

- Up to the maximum rate of **\$1,600** per 8-hour shift, or
- Up to the maximum rate of **\$200** per hour
- "Hourly On-Call": up to the maximum rate of **\$100** per hour

**High Desert only (with National Medical Registry, Inc.)**

**Scheduled General Anesthesia Services:**

- Up to a maximum rate of **\$1,800** per 8-hour shift, or
- Up to a maximum rate of **\$225** per hour

**Per Diem Expenses:**

- Not to exceed **\$25.00** per day

**Mileage Expenses:**

- **\$0.515** per mile

ATTACHMENT B  
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Lodging Expenses:

- Not to exceed **\$125.00** per day
- Such lodging reimbursement without a receipt will be limited to **\$20.00** per day.